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House of Representatives
Austin, Texas

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Opinion Committee

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Honorable Dan Morales
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Attn: Opinions Committee

Dear Sir:

This request is written in my capacity as Chairman of the House Redistricting Committee. The Lubbock County Hospital District ("District"), is a political subdivision of the State of Texas formed pursuant to Article IX, Sec. 9 of the Texas Constitution (Acts 1967, 60th Leg., p. 1095, Ch. 484; H.B. 878 as amended by Acts 1987 70th Leg., p. 6169, Ch. 905; H.B. 1950). The District is also qualified as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A copy of the Act creating the Hospital District and the IRS certificate are attached.

The question posed is whether District may contribute funds for construction of the Lubbock International Cultural Center, a Texas non-profit corporation also qualified as a charitable organization under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Lubbock International Cultural Center will be housed on the campus of Texas Tech University ("University"), will house the University's Office of International Affairs, and among other things, will be used for educating area students from kindergarten through college about other nations and cultures. Its construction will be funded in part from the City of Lubbock hotel/motel tax and from donations. The Lubbock International Cultural Center's operating funds will be obtained from usage fees, donations, and a line item for \$1,500,000.00 in the University's budget. *Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., p. 892, Ch. 19.* The appropriation to the University for the International Cultural Center states it shall be expended for the establishment, support, and operation of educational programs at the Texas Tech University International Cultural Center and the appropriation is contingent upon the establishment and construction of the International Cultural Center facility from private and non-state funded sources.

If you need any further information from me, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Delwin Jones, Chairman
House Redistricting Committee

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